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Advisory Action

Application No.

09/737,592

Applicant(s)

CRUICKSHANK, BRIAN

Examiner

Meless N Zewdu

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THE REPLY FILED 01 June 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☒ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. **ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).**

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - (c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____.

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☐ will not be entered or b) ☒ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: 1-24 and 27.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
10. ☐ Other: _____

Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: the amendment and/or applicant's argument do not overcome the rejection of the claims as provided in the final Office Action (see also, attachment to advisory)

R. B.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment, B (Attachment to Advisory)

1. This is a courtesy response/explanation to the proposed after final amendment.
2. The proposed amendment will not be entered.
3. To help applicant clearly understand examiner's position regarding this after final amendment, examiner provides the following explanation.

Explanation on the issues raised by applicant:

4. **With regard to claim 27:** applicant has amended claim 27. But, since the newly added features, for instance, "--- second file format" and "---one or more text fields" would require new consideration and/or search.
5. **With regard to claims 1-24:** applicant asserts that there was no motivation or suggestion to combine the references used to reject the indicated claims.
6. Examiner respectfully disagrees applicant's assertion. Motivation or suggestion for each combined reference has been given (with citations) as shown in the final action. Examiner sees no use to repeat the same text here.
7. **With regard to claims 1, 23 and 24:** the new features of these claims have been directed to a non- claimed subject matter. "Computing device" was not claimed. (See page 12) of this amendment. These claims show "handheld device" which is different from a computing device.

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8. **With regard to all claims:** applicant argues that none of the references discloses, teach or suggest receiving a voice message file in a compressed file format, and the file comprises both a compressed audio portion and information portion.

9. Examiner respectfully disagrees for the following reasons. First Baxter, Jr. teaches about a voice mail server that records caller's voice message onto a storage medium wherein the voice message is compressed and encoded into a digital audio file and then attached to an email address previously identified (according to the known Protocol MP3) (see col. 1, lines 32-46). Now, one skilled in the art can see that the digitized compressed voice message is the message part and the email address is the information part of the message file (see also final action rejection). Furthermore, Baxter, Jr. also teaches/suggests that a compressed message saves storage space and can be sent quickly. Therefore, applicant's argument/s are not persuasive.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Meless N Zewdu whose telephone number is (703) 306-5418. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am to 5:00 pm..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on (703) 308-5318. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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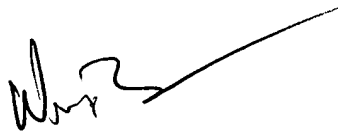
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